

Simnasho family escapes house fire

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A family of four lost their home in the late hours of Saturday, Nov 20, in Simnasho, when the house known as "atwai Ina Toher's old house" caught fire.

"There was just me and my two girls home at the time," Victoria Medina said. "I woke up and I smelled smoke."

From under the bedroom door, Medina could see the fire and smoke coming from her living room. She touched the door and found it to be hot.

"By then," she said, "the whole living room was up in flames, it happened that fast."

Medina, mother of two, crawled out a window with her children and ran to a neighbor's house for help.

At 11:48 p.m. Warm Springs Fire & Safety arrived to find the home fully engulfed in flames.



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The home and vehicles were completely destroyed.

"They fought the fire for approximately three hours with two engines, five firefighters, and the help of Jefferson County EMS mutual aid," Juanita Majel said.

All family members escaped safely. However, the family pet, a pit-bull named "Homegirl",

was lost. It is believed that complications with a wood burning stove ignited the blaze.

The structure and all its contents were deemed a total loss.

Warm Springs Crisis Intervention and the American Red Cross lodged the family, and two individuals living at the same

residence, at Kah-Nee-Ta for three days.

The family is working with Warm Springs Housing Authority to find an apartment.

Two days after the fire, smoke still rises from the ashes during a light snow. Even the electric meter on a nearby pole is damaged, melted by the heat. Nothing is salvageable.

"But we're okay," Victoria said, "I'm thankful for that. We got out of a burning house with just each other."

Fire and Safety is seeking donations to help the family recover.

Man: Size 38-40 pants; XXL shirt.

Woman: Size 13-15 pants, XL shirt.

Boy (8): Size 10 pants, 10 shirt.

Girl (7): Size 7 slim pants, 6-medium underwear, 7 shirt.

Baby: Needs size-three diapers and wipes.

Request from Vital Stats

In anticipation to closing files for 2010 year, the Vital Statistics Department would like to have all persons who are interested in getting a tribal identification card to do so before December 10.

Usually there is a long line on the second and third week of

December, and that makes it hard to complete other paperwork needed to be done.

"So please, if you need a tribal ID, come into the office as soon as possible," said Olivia Wallulatum, Vital Statistics director. "Thank you!"

Community food drive

A Warm Springs community food drive continues until 5 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 3.

Bring non-perishable foods such as canned goods, macaroni, rice, beans, cereals and dried items.

A box for donations will be in all pods at the Warm Springs

Health and Wellness Clinic. Pastor Rick Ribeiro will pick up and distribute the donations. This drive is sponsored by the Warm Springs Health and Wellness Employee Appreciation Committee. Call 541-553-1196 for more information.

Learn more about money

Tribal residents are invited to a series of workshops that aim to help families better deal with money matters.

"Financial Skills for Families" began on Nov. 29 but continues for three more sessions this month:

Dec. 6: Developing a spend-

ing plan
Dec. 13: Working with checking and savings

Dec. 20: Understanding credit. Classes are held from 5:15-8 p.m. these Mondays in the Family Resource Center. Call 541-553-3148 for details and to sign up.

Truck wreck closes highway 26

A tanker truck accident seven miles north of Warm Springs forced the closure of Highway 26 for twelve hours, Nov. 23.

Warm Springs Fire and Safety and Warm Springs Police were dispatched to the scene at 12:40 a.m. on Nov. 23.

Upon arrival, the crews found one tanker trailer on its side in the highway.

The tractor-trailer and attached tanker were still up right and undamaged.

The tanker trailer was carrying approximately 6,300 gallons of fuel. Crews found a minor leak that was quickly contained.

There were no other vehicles involved and no injuries were reported.

A Hazmat clean-up crew out of Prineville, and the Oregon Department of Transportation Hazmat team worked to pump the fuel from the wrecked tanker into a second tractor-trailer tanker.

The wrecked tanker trailer was later towed from the scene. Assisting in the Hazmat clean-up effort were Warm Springs Fire and Safety and Police, and tribal environmental officials.

Fire and Safety would like to remind residents to drive safely this winter. Carry traction devices or chains, extra food and water, extra blankets, warm clothing and a cell phone when traveling the winter mountain passes.

Budget concerns

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"Council has already gone through a review of all of the different branches at a budget reduction. It's severe, in terms to the impact on the community and the services provided. It's one decision that's going to need to be made."

Calica explained three different scenarios to balance the budget. "So it's not up to me to convince you of the value of these projects. I listen to my chief, Delvis. When he talks, I know he has wisdom. I also need to listen to you as far as putting budgets together. It's been tough putting this together, and I know that it's going to be worse in 2012 and 2013."

"I don't approve of this,"

Lyle Rhoan Sr. said. "I'm against it, and I'm going to protest. I encourage my district representatives to vote no on it, turn it down. When we come up with an idea for a wind farm, it's not good enough. But when an outsider comes in with an idea, \$100,000 later you jump on it. Common sense is enough here."

"When we first started out," Tribal Councilman JP Patt said, "I thought the BIRF was going to be providing funds to start a lot of small businesses in Warm Springs. I misspoke. It's actually going to go towards businesses like telecom, which will eventually displace Qwest on the reservation. The only decision we make is yes or no. I'm not satisfied with the way this pro-

cess goes, but it's what we have. It isn't a done deal."

"I'm pleased to be able to be here to share some of the comments that were made at the Agency District Meeting," Joann Smith said. "We need updates. We don't know what is happening with our fire hall. We should be dancing and laughing during our Thanksgiving dinner there. I don't know how we can come up here and give a list of our concerns - and you're going to vote and make a difference tomorrow?"

"I'm not against you," Delson Suppah said to the Council members at the meeting. "But if you love someone you don't let them walk astray. If people have to tell you something over and over again, it means you're not listening."

Christmas Bazaar slated

The 35th Annual Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11 at the Community Center. Find great gifts, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry and baked goods. Call Carol at the Community Center for details, 541-553-3243.

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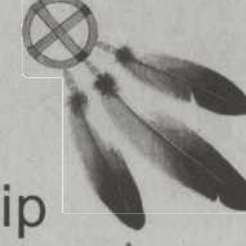
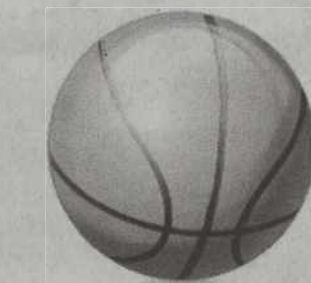
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For information contact Austin Greene at 541-553-3243.

Wood Stove Safety

Here are some principal do's and don'ts when it comes to wood stove safety:

Do—make sure there is enough clearance between the stove and combustible materials, including floors, walls and ceilings.

Do—place the stove on a noncombustible, fire resistant base.

Do—have a mason or other competent person inspect the chimney.

Do—burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.

Do—consider opening a window a crack for ventilation.

Do—dispose of ashes in a closed metal container outside the house.

Do Not—extend the stovepipe through a wall or ceiling unless there is no possible alternative.

Do not—connect a wood stove to a fireplace chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off.

Do not—connect a wood stove to a chimney serving another appliance burning other fuels.

Do not—start a stove fire with flammable fluids, such as gasoline.

Do not—burn trash in a stove; doing so can start a chimney fire.

Do not—let a wood fire burn unattended or overnight.

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